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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HUGH TEMPLETON

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

EA/ANP FOR KNOWLES

1. HUGH TEMPLETON, CHIEF STAFF ASSISTANT TO OPPOSITION LEADER ROB MULDOON AND RECENTLY NOMINATED NATIONAL PARTY CANDIDATE FOR BLUE RIBBON SEAT OF KARORI, WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 15-16, LOS ANGELES MAY 17-18, AND HONOLULU MAY 19. HE WOULD APPRECIATE LOW-KEY BRIEFING ON SITUATION IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WITH EMPHASIS ON OUR VIEWS OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. REQUEST HALF-DAY EACH AT STATE AND DOD BE ARRANGED. IF POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE, LOW-KEY CINCPAC BRIEFING WOULD BE BOTH USEFUL AND APPRECIATED.

2. TEMPLETON IS EXTREMELY ABLE FORMER MFA OFFICER. AFTER SERVING AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEFENSE FOR POLICY, HE RESIGNED AND ENTERED POLITICS. HE HAS SERVED TWO TERMS IN PARLIAMENT BUT WAS DEFEATED IN 1972. HIS WINNING THE NOMINATION FOR KARORI (PRESENTLY HELD BY FORMER PM JOH MARSHALL WHO WILL RETIRE THIS YEAR) ASSURES HIM A VICTORY IN NOVEMBER AS KARORI IS ONE OF THE SAFEST NATIONAL PARTY SEATS. SHOULD NATIONAL WIN NOVEMBER'S ELECTION, TEMPLETON IS ASSURED A
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CABINET POSITION. HIS EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND

DEFENSE MATTERS MAKE HIM A NATURAL FOR ONE OF THESE POSTS.

3. FOR KNOWLES - TEMPLETON LEFT WELLINGTON APRIL 19 ON HASTILY ARRANGED TRIP TO BRITAIN. HE CAN BE REACHED IN LONDON THROUGH DENNIS MCLEAN, GNZ DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER. REQUEST YOU CONTACT HIM THERE AND LET HIM KNOW IF BRIEFINGS CAN BE ARRANGED. DURING TEMPLETON'S STAY IN LOS ANGELES HE WILL VISIT GNZ CONSUL GENERAL J.K. CUNNINGHAM. IF POSSIBLE TEMPLETON WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH RAND CORP. PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF SETTING UP "MINI THINK TANK" IN NEW ZEALAND. ANY ASSISTANCE WE CAN GIVE IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS AT RAND MAY 17 OR 18 WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

4. FOR POLAD - SUGGEST YOU COORDINATE DIRECTLY WITH KNOWLES AS TO SCHEDULES, FLIGHT TIMES, ETC.
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